

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Susan D. Wigenton

v. :

SAMORA PATTERSON : Crim. No. 20-494 (SDW)

ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of the United States, by Rachael Honig, Acting United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (Sean M. Sherman, Assistant United States Attorney, appearing) and defendant Samora Patterson (K. Anthony Thomas, A.F.P.D., appearing.), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter; and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have this matter brought to trial within 70 days of the date of his appearance before a judicial officer of this court pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(c)(1); and the defendant having consented to the continuance and waived such right, and this being the third request for a continuance in this matter, and for good cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

(1) Taking into account the exercise of diligence, the facts of this case require that defense counsel and the United States be permitted a reasonable amount of additional time for effective preparation in this matter;

(2) Plea negotiations are anticipated, and both the United States and the defendant desire additional time to negotiate a plea agreement, which would render any subsequent trial of this matter unnecessary;

- (3) The defendant has consented to the above-referenced continuance;
- (4) The granting of a continuance will likely conserve judicial resources;
- and
- (5) As a result of the foregoing, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the Defendant in a speedy trial.

IT IS, therefore, on this 22nd day of June, 2021 ORDERED that:

- (1) This action is continued under the Speedy Trial Act from the date this Order is signed through and including September 30, 2021; and
- (2) The period from the date this Order is signed through and including September 30, 2021 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974.

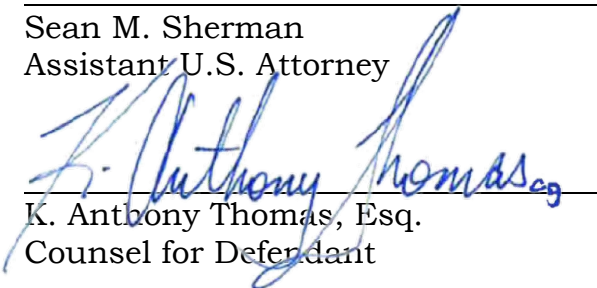


THE HONORABLE SUSAN D. WIGENTON
United States District Judge

Consented and Agreed to by:



Sean M. Sherman
Assistant U.S. Attorney



K. Anthony Thomas, Esq.
Counsel for Defendant